

## EARTHQUAKE NOTIFICATION

Information or alerting of the occurrence of an earthquake may come from several sources, i.e., telephone call from private citizen, media, local officials, etc.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION will come from either the University of Washington Seismology Department or the National Earthquake Information Center (NEIC), Golden, Colorado. Note: The University of Washington will go to the Duty Officer first. NEIS will issue a message via NAWAS after asking National to ring up the appropriate states.

Neither the NEIC nor the University of Washington are normally staffed 24-hours a day, but they do have a "beeper" system that is triggered by a certain alarm threshold of the seismology equipment (**about 2.8 on the Richter Scale**). Once triggered, a computerized facsimile is generated to EM auto answer fax and a seismologist checks their equipment to verify the activity. The University of Washington will call EM Duty Officer via 1-800-258-5990. NEIC will issue a message via NAWAS. Queries to either of these locations for confirmation or explanation will normally be done by the EM Duty Officer.

STATE WARNING POINT (Primary or Alternate) - Upon notification via NAWAS will:

1. Copy information as received via NAWAS. Acknowledge the National roll call. Record electronically if possible.
2. On the State NAWAS: Roll call Primary Warning Points that are affected by this message and provide message or confirm that they copied the NEIC transmission via the National circuit. Advise them to relay the information to Secondary Warning Points and their local Emergency Management/Services Director. Follow with a roll call of affected Primary Warning Points. Note those stations that do not answer roll call and provide to EM Duty Officer. Via telephone, call non-responding stations and provide the information.
3. Via ACCESS disseminate the message to affected areas or APB statewide to "EAST" and "WEST" as with instructions to "Deliver Immediately to Your Local Emergency Management/Services Director and Sheriff".
4. Continue to respond as required.